

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013***

Present: Selectmen: Tom Hayward and, Michael Woodworth. Others include: Lindsey Polhemus, Stephen Polhemus, Rosanne Gilbert, Jamie Thompson, Alison Watts, and Lauren Hill.

Call to order at 6:55pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks
- Elderly Exemption – Dawson
- Appointment – Asst. Building Inspector
- Appointment – Asst. Fire Chief
- Veterans' Tax Credit - Pasay

Stephen Polhemus met with the Selectmen to discuss an upcoming Boy Scout Eagle Project which he would like to do in the Town of Newfields. Stephen would like to consider a bench and patio area near the town dock and will keep the Selectmen updated.

Alison Watts updated the Board on the status of the MS4 Stormwater Permit process. It would be better for Newfields to join groups within other towns to work together instead of being part of a law suit to overturn the permit.

The Selectmen approved Alison's request to have the meeting with the Southeast Watershed Alliance at the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

No discrepancies were noted during the signing of the checks.

The Board interviewed the following interested citizens seeking positions on:

- Board of Selectmen – Rosanne Gilbert
Rosanne stated the role of the Selectmen is important since you need the ability to look at the whole issue, hear all sides before making decisions and take out your personal issues, vote for what is best for the community and make sure the Town is compliant with the laws and running properly. Rosanne felt her qualities include bringing a female perspective, knowledge about the people involved and giving her all to the full time position. The Selectmen's priorities should include running the Town efficiently, keep taxes down and establish communication with the regional school district. Having been Selectmen before Rosanne felt she could better communicate and express her opinions, as well as, "agree to disagree with respect". Rosanne stated she has given the conflict of interest much thought and has played out possible issues and doesn't see any issue.

- Board of Selectmen - Jamie Thompson
Jamie stated the role of Selectmen would be to represent the people of the Town, their best interests and preserve the Town character. His qualities would be having an even temperament, knowledge of a good cross-section of people, business experience, interaction with the school district and good working knowledge of the Town's systems. Jamie stated he has no agenda. The management of the budget should be at a current and reasonable funding level without over-burdening the Town with taxes. The priorities of the Selectmen should include the Police Dept., Paving Plan, Town Hall Expenditures and Stormwater MS-4. Jamie felt the Summit meetings would build better communications with the other Town Boards and Commissions.
- Conservation Commission – Lauren Hill
Lauren has been Secretary and feels this is her contribution to the community. Since the others have such great backgrounds she would ask a ton of questions which is her part to help the commission. Lauren stated the work of the Conservation Commission is important because you have to do things intelligently and the development correctly.

The Selectmen approved the following appointments:

Conservation Commission:

Steve Shope Term ending – March 2016

Lauren Hill Term ending – March 2016

Planning Board:

John Hayden Term ending – March 2016

Bill Meserve Term ending – March 2016

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Kent Lawrence Term ending – March 2015

Dave Sweet Term ending – March 2016

Betsy Coes Term ending – March 2016

Bob Elliott - Alt. Term ending – March 2014

Contributions for Health and Human Services was tabled until April 30th Meeting.

Minutes of the April 2nd meeting were read. Michael made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Tom. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:07pm, Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman
Deputy Town Clerk